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| In re Application of:<br><b>David W. STEBBINGS et al.</b>                      | Docket No.: <b>40053.011300</b> |
| Serial No.: <b>Unassigned</b>  | Art Unit: <b>Unassigned</b>     |
| Filing Date: <b>August 31, 2001</b>  | Examiner: <b>Unassigned</b>     |
| Title <b>System and Method for Positive Identification of Electronic Files</b> |                                 |

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY**

**DECLARATION OF SOLE OR JOINT INVENTOR**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention (Design, if applicable) entitled above, the specification of which is either attached hereto, or was filed on the date listed above as with the Application Serial Number listed above (whichever is applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s). I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a)*.

**DOMESTIC PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim the benefit under *Title 35, United States Code, § 120* of any United States application(s) or PCT International Application(s) designating The United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of *Title 35, United States Code § 112*, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in *Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a)* which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| APPLICATION NUMBER | FILING DATE | STATUS (Patented, Pending, Abandoned) |
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| 60/229,038         | 8/31/00     | Pending                               |
| 60/229,040         | 8/31/00     | Pending                               |
| 60/229,037         | 8/31/00     | Pending                               |
| 60/229,039         | 8/31/00     | Pending                               |
| 60/248,283         | 11/14/00    | Pending                               |

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| Serial number unassigned, entitled<br>“System and Methods for Incorporating<br>Content Intelligence into Network<br>Switching, Firewall, Routing and Other<br>Infrastructure Equipment” | 8/23/01 | Pending |
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| Serial number unassigned entitled<br>“System and Methods for Positive<br>Identification and Correction of Files and<br>File Components” | 8/23/01 | Pending |
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#### **FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM**

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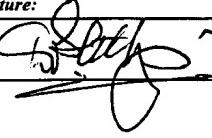
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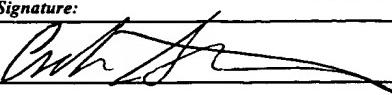
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